

**REMARKS**

Claims 8-13 are canceled without prejudice. Claims 14 and 15 are amended. Claims 1-4, 6, 7, 14, 15 and 18-22 remain in the application. In view of the following comments, Applicant respectfully request that the application be forwarded on to issuance.

## **Allowable Subject Matter**

In the present Office Action, the Office has indicated that claims 1-4, 6, 7 and 18-22 are allowable. In addition, the Office has indicated that claim 14 is objected to as dependent upon a rejected based claim but is otherwise allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Applicant has canceled those claims that are rejected over the art solely for the purpose of placing this application in condition for allowance. Applicant wishes for the record to reflect that the cancellation of these claims is not to be construed as an admission as to the propriety of the Office's rejections. As such, Applicant reserves its right and intends to file one or more continuation applications to further pursue subject matter which it believes it is due.

Applicant has amended claim 14 to incorporate the subject matter from claim 13, from which it previously depended. In addition, Applicant has amended claim 15 to now depend from claim 14. As such, these two claims are in condition for allowance.

1 As only allowable subject matter remains in the application, Applicant  
2 respectfully requests a Notice of Allowability be issued forthwith.  
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